



The Starting Place

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Law Library Celebrates National Library Week

In April, the Washington State Law Library (WSLL) joined libraries nationwide in celebrating National Library Week. This annual celebration was started in 1958 by the American Library Association (ALA), a nonprofit organization that promotes libraries and library education.

National Library Week highlights the importance of libraries in our communities. It gave WSLL a chance to introduce our services to new audiences, reconnect with regular library users, and say "Thank you" to long-time patrons and supporters.

The theme of this year's event was "Libraries Transform." WSLL has been undergoing its own transformation over the past year, including the addition of some new faces, new books, and some fun updates to the look of the library. We recently unveiled three new "READ" posters and a bookmark at a library open house, featuring the Washington State Supreme Court Justices.

We welcome you to stop by the library and see these changes for yourself. Our reference staff is on duty Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and we are available to answer questions, locate materials, or provide research assistance. Contact us at 360-357-2136 or via [email](#). You can also submit questions, chat with us live, or request documents through our [website](#).



Check Out Our New Titles

[Criminal Evidentiary Foundations](#), by Edward J. Imwinkelried and Daniel D. Blinka (Bender) 2016

[Ferguson's Fault Lines: The Race Quake That Rocked a Nation](#), edited by Kimberly Jade Norwood (American Bar Association) 2016

[The Law of Tax-Exempt Organizations](#), by Bruce R. Hopkins (Wiley) 2016

[Indigenous Law Portal](#), by The Library of Congress (Library of Congress) 2014

[McGrady on Social Media](#), by Paul D. McGrady (2015)

[Municipal Law Deskbook](#), edited by William J. Scheiderich (American Bar Association) 2015

[The Rise of Corporate Religious Liberty](#), edited by Micah Schwartzman, et al. (Oxford University Press) 2016

[Transgender Persons and the Law](#), by Ally Windsor Howell (American Bar Association) 2015

In Other News

- In time for the summer, [MRSC](#) has created a page regarding [fireworks regulation in Washington State](#). The page includes statutes, permitting and licensing, and a calendar of dates in which fireworks can be sold. Washington State Patrol also recently released a [list](#) of fireworks bans and restricted sales/use.
- The popular title "[The Bitter Waters of Medicine Creek: A Tragic Clash Between White and Native America](#)," by Richard Kluger is now available to download via [OverDrive](#). Kluger's book documents the conflict between Governor Isaac Stevens and the Nisqually tribe.
- Family Law Plain Language Forms are now available on the Washington State Courts [web-site](#). These converted mandatory domestic relations pattern forms may be filed now, but must be filed starting July 1, 2016.

Research Guide Update

WSLL is in the process of adding new [Research Guides](#) to our online collection. The guides point out online and print resources to help you research a particular legal issue.

Updates include the addition of a '[Native Fishing Rights](#)' tab to the [Native American Law](#) research guide and a brand new guide on [environmental law](#).

Upcoming subjects include probate, criminal history and a comprehensive look at the resources and services provided by WSLL.

Free Scanning

WSLL recently updated the public copiers in the Main Reading Room and Lower Level Reading Room. One of the features of the new machines is the ability to scan documents directly to a USB drive. While patrons are allowed to scan to the drive, the new copiers are not set up to print from a USB device. Copy costs remain \$0.15 per page, but scanning is a free service for patrons.

Librarian of Congress

In the previous two issues of "The Starting Line," we have been keeping you up to date on the confirmation of the new Librarian of Congress, Dr. Carla Hayden. On April 20th, Dr. Hayden cleared her first [Senate confirmation hearing](#).

With the support of Senators from her home state of Maryland, Dr. Hayden spent an hour answering questions about how she first acquired her love of reading, her vision for the future of the LOC and about her leadership at Baltimore's Enoch Pratt Free Library. She also spoke about the library's technological infrastructure and her desire to change how people view libraries.

More than 100 organizations, including the American Library Association, sent letters of support for Dr. Hayden. If confirmed, she will become the first African American and first woman to preside over the Library of Congress. Dr. Hayden will also be only the second librarian to serve in this role.

During the hearing, Mississippi Senator Thad Cochran declared his support by stating "I think this is a great day for the Library of Congress, it is a great day for the United States Senate."

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